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FROM: Paris

TO: Secretary of State

NO: POLTO 419, October 9, 5 p.m

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ACTION DEPARTMENT POLTO 419, INFORMATION THE HAGUE POLTO 12,
LONDON POLTO 71, ATHENS POLTO 23, OSLO POLTO 8.

Dutch PERMREP Boon, following through on conversation with
Ambassador Finletter 8th, filled me in further on action being
taken by Dutch re ships to Cuba. Dutch Government has written
letters to all Dutch ship owners informing them of requests
made by US to desist trade with Cuba and pointing out import-
ance of measures being taken by US Government in regard to
Cuban trade. This letter does not forbid them continue such
operations but warns them that there may be serious conse-
quences therefrom. Boon explained letter did not mean that if
Dutch ships got into difficulties because of this trade Dutch
Government would not go through motions of protesting to us,
but ship owners would be told that they had been warned of
these difficulties and therefore Dutch Government's protest
could not be too effective.

Boon added that any further action Dutch might take would be
influenced considerably by attitude of Latin American countries
re Cuba because of need for Dutch to act cautiously in view of
sensitivities of Curacao and Surinam, who would resent any
further Dutch action against Cuba taken prior to action by at
least some Latin American countries.

We are providing Dutch with text passages on use of ships in
Cuba trade, from October 4 communique of Latin American
Foreign Ministers.

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